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SUBJECT: TELE-HAITI

1. DEPT HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY MR. FLOYD BETTERS OF TELE-AMERICAN, OAKFIELD, NEW YORK, REGARDING HIS COMPANY'S INVESTMENT IN TELE-HAITI. ACCORDING TO BETTERS, GOH IS APPROACHING COMPANY WITH VIEW TO BUYING OUT FOREIGN INTERESTS IN IT.

2. BETTERS HAS REQUESTED THAT DEPT PROVIDE EMBASSY WITH TEXTS OF MESSAGES EXCHANGED BETWEEN HIM AND HIS REPRESENTATIVE IN HAITI, ANDRE APAID.

3. TELEX FROM APAID TO BETTERS: "AFTER OUR PHONE CONVERSATION HAVE ADVISED THE MINISTER OF POSSIBLE DELAY IN YOUR ARRIVAL. HIS ANSWER IS THAT THIS PROBLEM HAS TO BE RESOLVED THIS WEEK, ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. I SUGGEST STRONGLY THAT YOU COME QUICKLY WITH OR WITHOUT WHITNEY. PLEASE ADVISE OF ARRIVAL DATE AND TIME."

4. TELEX FROM BETTERS TO APAID: (A) "YOUR TELEPHONE CALL AND UNCLASSIFIED

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TELEX HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED AMONG ALL SIX MEMBERS OF OUR

INVESTMENT GROUP AND WITH OUR ATTORNEYS.

(B) PLEASE INFORM MINISTER JEANTY THAT WE ARE PROCEEDING

AS REQUESTED BY MINISTER BLANCHET AT OUR CONFERENCE ON

JULY 19TH. HE ASKED US TO RESPOND IN WRITING TO HIS REQUEST TO MODIFY THE "EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS" PROVISION OF OUR CONTRACT WITH THE STATE OF HAITI. THAT LETTER IS NOW BEING PREPARED IN CONSULTATION WITH OUR BANKS AND AS PROMISED WILL BE MAILED TO HAITI THIS WEEK. WE PROPOSE TO SEND IT TO YOU FOR IMMEDIATE TRANSLATION AND BEAUFILS' DELIVERY TO THE GOVERNMENT.

(C) IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO COME TO HAITI AGAIN EARLIER THAN SOMETIME DURING THE WEEK OF AUGUST 12TH. HOWEVER OUR POSITION ON THE MATTER OF EXCLUSIVITY WILL BE FULLY PRESENTED IN WRITTEN FORM. THE GOVERNMENT MAY THUS STUDY IT AND EITHER REPLY IN WRITING OR IF NECESSARY REQUEST FURTHER CONFERENCE IN HAITI.

(D) AMBASSADOR ISHAM HAS ASKED TO BE KEPT INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS AND THIS BEING DONE. WE HAVE BEEN AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE EXTREMELY COOPERATIVE WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND I REPEAT WE ARE PRESENTLY ACTING IN THE MANNER REQUESTED BY MINISTER BLANCHET IN BEHALF OF HIS GOVERNMENT."

5. PLEASE KEEP DEPT ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS. OPIC RECORDS DO NOT SHOW TELE-AMERICAN AS AN INSURED INVESTOR. INGERSOLL

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